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was recorded by the undersigned  
from 7 December 1941 to Mid-February  
1943, at which time I left home  
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Dec 7

- 9:25 Jap naval planes bomb'd Pearl Harbor + Honolulu + Manila.
- 4:00 Japan Imperial cabinet declared war on U.S. and Britain effective at dawn Monday (time)
- 6:42 A Jap aircraft carrier reported sighted off of Honolulu by the Navy

The report that Manila was bombed has proven false. 350 American soldiers killed at Hawaiian airport barracks. Considerable damage done at Pearl Harbor by Jap planes. The U.S.S. Oklahoma was set afire and the U.S.S. West Virginia was possibly sunk.

- 6:50 Jap troops began the invasion of Siam at this time. They entered from Indo-China. Also at this time a black out was ordered at the Naval Air Station at Sitka Alaska

About 6:00 all U.S. forces ~~were reported~~ (air + sea) were reported to have the situation well in hand. All messages to and from the American War Zone were subjected to strict censorship this P.M. the army reported.

All men honorably discharged from 9th  
Army corps ordered back to service  
this evening.

7:20 The Jap naval forces planted the  
flag of the rising sun on one of  
our gunboats in a Jap-held ~~Chinese~~  
Chinese port. Probably the "Wake".

7:24 Jap forces occupied Wake Island  
according to a report from Shanghai.

7:31 San Francisco declared in a state  
of emergency. All strikes in  
that area have been banned.

7:48 Unofficially Singapore is reported  
under severe attack by Japs.

7:50 Army War Dept. reported to the White  
House officially that 104 soldiers  
were killed in the attack on Oahu.

8:15 Dutch East Indies have officially declared  
war on Japs. Also Costa Rica has been  
the first Latin American to declare  
war on Japan.

- 8:29 All civilian aircraft grounded on pacific coast and soldiers wearing full war time pack moving to vital areas
- 9:00 F.D.R. met with cabinet members, army chiefs and congressional leaders met in extraordinary meeting
- 9:52 Canada declared War
- 10:34 Japs report they bombed Hong Kong + the Malay states
- 10:38 British report a Jap attempt to land troops at Singapore has been repulsed,
- 10:39 F.D.R. will address Congress Noon tomorrow
- 10:52 Premier Tojo promised his people complete victory against Britain + American.
- 12:47 An American Army transport was sunk off of the ~~Philippines~~ Philippines
- 12:50 Argentina declares it will remain neutral
- 1:07 Nicaragua + Panama declared war shortly after Costa Rica
- Monday Dec 8,
- 12:15 Free French declare war
- 12:17 Hudson bombers in Malaya bombed Jap troops ships



Manila Island attacked this morning.

- 12:00 Reports that 1 battleship destroyer + several others + 1300 planes destroyed by Japs
- 12:31 F.D.R. began to speak
- 3:40 War Resolution sent to F.D.R.
- 4:00 F.D.R. signed Declaration
- 8:50 U.S.S. destroyer Preston unoff. claimed sunk
- 8:45 U.S.S. battleship Pennsylvania
- 9:00 China declared war on Jap. Ger + Italy
- 9:15 Churchill declared England at War
- 10:00 Unofficial U.S.S. Langley damaged
- 2 Tankers sunk
- 10:30 Siam capitulates to Japan
- 10:55 Manila ordered Blacked Out
- 10:60 3000 casualties in Hawaii (unoff.)
- 1:00 Senate unanimously passed Dictatorship of War 82-0
- 2:30 39th Division ordered on Patrol of Miss.
- 2:40 Guam surrounded by Jap Naval units
- 2:15 Manila being attacked by Jap planes
- 2:30 Manila still under attack by 10 bombers direct hits on military objects
- (Later) Nichols Field Philippines heavily bombed
- (Tonight) 1 hangar demolished 15 casualties fires started
- 2:45 Unoff. reported that Jap carrier was sighted off of Calif. Oakland schools closed. A 5 minute false air alarm was sounded in Los Angeles

9:20 Egypt declared War on Japan

Germans + Japs rounded up in Canal Zone  
Jap Bombers blasting Guam.

6:30 Argentina gives U.S. permission to use  
its ports + all facilities. Recognizes us as  
non-belligerent.

7:31 Dominican Republic has just declared War

8:01 Most of Oregon together with Seattle  
was blacked out tonight

8:27 Unoff. It is reported Japs have landed  
troops on Subang in the Philippines  
Tonight all radio stations in Oregon have  
gone off the air.

8:31 Guatemala declared war

Colombia + Mexico broke off relations with Japs.

As of Dec. 8 → \* In War, ✓ friendly to U.S. ? Neutral

- 1 U.S. \*
- 2 Mexico ✓
- 3 Cuba ✗ \*
- 4 Dominican Rep \*
- 5 Haiti \*

- 6 Guatemala ✗ \*
- 7 El Salvador ✗ \*
- 8 Honduras ✗ \*
- 9 Nicaragua \*

- 10 Costa Rica \*

- 11 Panama \*

- 12 Colombia ✓

- 13 Venezuela ?

- 14 Ecuador ?

- 15 Peru ?

- 16 Bolivia ✓

- 17 Chile ?

- 18 Brazil ✓

- 19 Argentina O✓

- 20 Paraguay ?

- 21 Uruguay ?

8:30 A squadron of unidentified  
planes are reported  
headed for San Francisco  
The city is blacked out

10:23 Washington: Army denies  
all reports of an  
imminent attack on  
the west coast

Dec 9.

10:30 Air raid on Manila

8:15 Int. or command attempted  
to locate carrier but failed

10:00 U.S.S. Tangley not sunk

10:00 Jap planes driven from Manila

10:15 Jap planes attacked Guam

8:45 + 2:45

10:30 Unoff. Tokys + Formosa bombed by US planes

3rd air raid in California

Dec 7 Cont.

10:30 All radio stations on Pacific coast ordered to cease broadcasting by Army

1200 Ger. Jap + Ital rounded up in U.S.

10:45 German raider reported off of Uruguay

11:30 Nazis abandoned Moscow battle have lost 6 Million men 30000 tanks

Hong Kong repulsed Jap air raid

11:45 South Africa declares War

12:00 Wash. Germ. may make War within 24 hours.

Last night 60 enemy planes flew over Golden Gate but lost way + turned back.

12:30 a squadron of enemy planes reported 2 hrs out of N.Y. Interceptor aircraft ordered up.

1:00 Congress attempting to pass



law allowing selectees  
to go out of homes.

1:30 All N.Y. radios off air.  
at 100 enemy planes  $\frac{1}{2}$  hr out  
of N.Y. All schools in

N.Y. closed. Air raid sirens sounded.

1:40 All people ordered off N.Y. streets

1:48 Boston schools closed

2:00 All radio stations put under  
Army. Lights on capitol dome ordered  
out tonight

3:00 F.D.R. just proclaimed there is  
a threat of German invasion

4:00 It has now reported Air  
raid on N.Y. was false.

10:00 F.D.R. spoke to Amer  
people on War.

11:00 British in Malaya are  
pouring tons of bombs on Jap  
ships. Have control of air.  
Cuba declared War earlier this war.  
More unidentified planes over  
Los Angeles

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247 - M

Dec 10.

- 8:15 Japs admit 2 transports sunk 1 damaged
- 9:46 German radio sta reports King George V sunk. Run off
- 10:00 21 American republics to meet to discuss defense  
some time soon. Reds claim 15,000 Nazis  
annihilated.
- 10:15 Japs claim they're ready for 10 yr. War. (Oh yeah!)
- 10:35 (Japs are making 2 landings on Luzon Island.  
Terrific battle Run off. claimed going on near Honolulu.  
British have off. admitted Jap planes have  
sunk Prince of Wales + Battle cruiser Repulse.  
10:35 (From Tokyo) Japs now claim they have sunk the  
Enterprise. I doubt it tho.  
Japs attempting to land at Singapore but British  
beating them off.
- 10:45 2 new destroyers launched at Boston.
- 11:00 U.S. forces at Luzon are beating off Jap landing forces.  
U.S. planes scored direct hits on 6 Jap troop ships.  
3 sunk; rest severely damaged.
- 11:30 Telegrams of support pouring into White House.  
Japs admit they have failed in landing troops at Hong Kong.
- 12:00 Hong Kong being shelled. Japs claim they  
have air control at Malaya
- 1:30 Japs have interred Amer. British + Canad. for duration  
from Wash. It is believed German officials are  
burning their official papers. Moscow Reds  
gaining on all fronts.
- 2:45 U.S. forces have captured "numerous" Jap para-  
troops north of Manila.
- 3:00 French are reported to have turned Tunisia  
over to Germany also units of Fr. Fleet.
- 3:45 Air raid just sounded in Los Angeles
- 5:00 New York Harbor mined.
- Not much more news tonight other than  
that our troops are really doing quantity work  
against Japs in Philippines. War just ble

at. I believe in Japan. I don't know. I don't know.  
- hope of narrow, waiting to see. I don't know!  
- put out fires & are searching for survivors.

## Dec 11.

- 7:50 Martial Law declared in Hawaii  
7:15 Tokyo Jap's off. lying agency, claims to have sunk  
the USS Lexington,  
7:30 The old liner, Haruna was sunk 7:15  
A.M. by one of our bombers. Commanded by Colin Kelly.  
Jap's claim to have 1st town of U.S. planes  
In for 200 men from Pacific House have been saved.  
8:15 Off. East mile away from our base.  
any of the bombs dropped.  
102 Germany has officially declared war  
on U.S. Jap's still speak to war.  
8:20 Britain declared war on Japan, 20 billion  
in Hawaii in 4 miles.  
10:00 Adolf Hitler for 127 min. Messy for 1 min.  
and says he has lost the Lybian war.  
and says he won't have attacked Russia.  
and he knows it was a strong!  
10:30 U.S. staff confirms sinking of Haruna.  
German Ambassador thought was a war.  
but Hitler refused to see him.  
11:00 Bill passing in Congress to call men 18 to 45  
11:00 Congress as an order to declare war on Axis, F.D.R.  
did not speak in person.  
11:15 House passed war declaration not one  
dissenting vote. Less than 100 didn't vote.  
Congress also passed bill permitting U.S.  
armed forces to go anywhere in world.  
1:45 11:45 The 1,300 men from Haruna  
so far for Pacific & Reserve.  
1:45 1:45 announced to date 4,200,000 Nazi  
casualties 1,500,000 killed  
It is now announced that a German plane 15-17-E's  
flying from Calif. to North Hawaii arrived at time of  
Jap. bombing. All hands & crew saved  
one which was destroyed. This is a wonder that  
2:35 combined U.S. & P. water forces are pushing Japanese  
battleships into sea at Luzon Island.



- 2:45 Jap. warships have sailed out to T. D. R.  
Notice further notice that will be broadcast in British Colonies
- 3:00 Cuba will stay neutral war on Apis.  
St. Paul under fire report that 5000 armed Japs  
have started on the way to Mex. however, if Mexican  
troops are in our land to put down this revolution.
- 3:30 Pres. Roosevelt just signed war declaration on Apis.  
Special Units of the Marine Force just sunk  
a Jap cruiser and destroyer. Wake is in it  
we now know Japs didn't take Wake for  
the Marines are still holding out against Japs  
of these men have been fighting against Japs  
repeated Jap raids, but they are beating them off.
- 4:00 another Jap raid on Wake just began. Marines have  
"situation well in hand".
- 4:30 Chesapeake Bay is being mined.  
"The Sun, our most faithful 'good night' car", has  
just declared war on rest of Apis.  
"Radios in Washington" have been received.
- 5:00 Mexico has frozen Jap assets.
- 7:45 Unaff. Hawaiian Islands and Japs are at war.
- 7:20 Off. Secy. Knox has received the voluntee to inspect  
London's damage.
- 7:30 Hundreds of Jap troops are firing attacks  
Japs all along front. Japs are not winning.  
The Japs have certain ~~to~~ <sup>to</sup> say they are short of men and equipment. This now  
announced that Japs are Japs are now  
destroyed on the Jap raids on Pearl Harbor.
- 9:00 Another Jap attack on Japs. Japs are now  
reported severely damaged. Japs are now  
reported severely damaged.
- 10:30 Army officially announced that Japs  
planes were destroyed in Hawaii. Japs  
officers are reported to be in the Japs have been  
officers.





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Fri. Dec 12

- 8:20 Lieut. Kelly's ship who sank 11. Herma  
died in England. ... ..  
10:00 Japs have announced to their people that  
H.Y. ... ..  
3:30 Many French ships including the Normandie  
... ..  
4:00 French ... ..  
Panama declares war on Ger. and Italy  
Kids have just claimed the ... ..  
Marine are ... ..  
3 ... ..  
33 ... ..  
6:15 ... .. Wake and Midway still in  
American hands ... ..  
7:30 (Of) ... ..  
... ..  
9:00 Uruguay ... ..  
10:30 5th ... ..  
Later ... ..  
11:00 ... ..  
... ..  
... ..

Sat. Dec 13

- 7:45 Japs claim our battleship Arizona has been sunk.  
... ..  
8:15 American + Philippine troops ... ..  
Japs on ... ..  
attacking ... ..  
10:15 Combined British and Dutch naval units  
... ..  
naval flotilla of several cruisers and ... ..

12:00 Dulcet navy in Dulcet ...  
4 Jap transports (with U-boats) with  
probable loss of 4000 Japs.  
Nazis still in a rout, now 200 miles from  
Moscow.  
British rapidly encircling Axis units  
in Libya.

1:08 Jap troops in Northern Luzon have been  
completely ...

1:30 Dutch have annihilated Jap landing parties  
in Borneo.

5:30 Bulgaria joined war on U.S.

5:37 U.S. Naval forces captured a boat off Costa  
Rica. It had a gas crew and carried 1000 tons  
of fuel oil.

1:00 ~~U.S.~~ Navy ... available to ...  
... it is probable that Japs  
have taken ...

Sun. Dec 14

9:15 Dutch U-Boats ... 2 more for ... ships

10:07 Rumania has joined war on U.S.

12:00 Nazis still retreating in a rout from  
Moscow, now 200 miles from capital.

British & Reds still wiping up on Nazis on all  
fronts. Japs appear to be gaining near Hong Kong.

Mon. Dec. 15.

7:30 Amer bombers reported to have bombed 2 more  
Jap ships off of Luzon.

Japs made raid on ... (little damage)  
Their marksmanship very poor. Most of ... this

either landed in commercial section or in the  
sea.

Jap sub reported lurking off Hawaii.

Reds say they will "exterminate" all ...  
Russian territory. Claim they have killed  
one generation of Germans.

10:30 Japs within shooting distance of Hong Kong ...  
Dutch ... 2 more Jap ships, a tanker  
and a freighter. (confirmed)  
Thousands of Japs probably dead after Amer. bomber  
raid on Jap ships.  
24 Axis divisions being kept in Greece to suppress  
uprisings.

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Monday Dec. 15 cont.

- 12:00 - British have damaged 3 more Axis ships in Med. Sea.  
1:00 - Col. Knox today officially announced results of Jap raid on Pearl Harbor:  
Arizona (battleship) sunk  
Battleship Oklahoma captured (can be salvaged)  
3 old destroyers sunk - Cassin, Downes, Shaw  
The Utah sunk - It was an obsolete ship used for training and target practice.  
Minelayer O'Brien sunk  
2729 Navy officers + men killed  
168 Army men killed  
Japs lost 3 subs including a 41 foot 2-man job.  
also 41 airplanes  
Many airplanes + hangars were destroyed on ground.  
Knox admitted Navy + Army weren't alerted.

Tuesday, Dec. 16.

- 12:00 Japs claim to have landed on Samoa.  
5:45 2 of Hawaiian islands were shelled in last 24 hours; one by a sub, other by surface vessels. (Off. Navy)  
(Off. Navy) Wake has been bombed twice today. When asked by radio what Navy could do for them, Matine, replied "Send more Japs".  
6:00 Japan officially claims today to have captured Guam after "much difficulty".  
6:30 British are attempting to surround Nazi garrisons at D. Bruid.  
(Congress today gave F.D.R. sweeping war powers. Adolph's doctor ordered him to battle, rather than to rest. He is facing a nervous breakdown!)

Wed. Dec 17.

7:30 U.S. papers report that American forces are attacking coastal cities of Japan & Japan admit that Amer. subs are attacking their warships.

(Special) Adm. Hart announced that 10 "T-30" of our subs are marauding off of Japan. He said they were successful in 2 out of 3 attacks on Jap shipping. No more attacks given out. R.A.F. sunk 2 more Jap troop ships loaded with tanks & supplies.

3 Jap crew members captured by Philippines with 1 plane.

10:30 - Air Force 1st Lt. Doolittle, reporting his record by destroying 27 Jap planes on ground with machine guns. P.H.F. also got direct hit on 1st Lt. Doolittle's history.

6:40 - Special Force army & navy warships in Hawaii reported by Washington. Admiral Kimmel, head of U.S. fleet, has been relieved of his command. Also army head of Hawaii section and Army air force head have been relieved of command and replaced by Army officers who have specialized in air and submarine work.

Thurs Dec 18.

12:00 1941. Hawaii's situation. (C. The still have foothold in several places on Oahu.

8:15 Jap news agencies that Japs have landed troops on Mindanao near Davao. Filipinos & Americans are heavily resisting by land & air. This island is rich in hemp.

Later Japs are said to have sent 11 troops with 6000 soldiers on the island Hong Kong, Wake & Midway still holding out.





Friday Dec. 19.

7:30 Rome officially announces that 4  
U.S. Navy cruisers were hit by Italian  
V-boats some where in Mediterranean.  
It is rumored that U.S. forces in  
Philippines have sunk a Jap carrier + destroyer  
12:00 Navy officially announces American ships  
have shot down over 70 Jap planes (with  
very few losses to themselves) in recent  
action over Phil. islands.

Not much more additional news. Japs have  
surrounded Hong Kong and are attempting to  
gain a landing on the island. British have  
refused 3 Jap offers to surrender. They are  
retreating to defense positions. Wake  
Is. + Midway are still holding out.

Sat. Dec. 20

12:00 British North African forces have smashed thru  
German and are headed for Bengasi. Gen Rommel  
and his troops are retreating so fast the British can  
even keep up.

Wake still holding out.

A squadron of Jap planes sunk 10 fighter in  
Russian troops have begun extensive maneuvers  
near Jap border.

Dutch air force using new planes, have made  
direct hits on and perhaps sunk 1 Jap cruiser  
and 2 troop ships.

12:35 One of our V-Boats just sunk a Jap transport  
"somewhere in Pacific".

(W.) Japs have landed substantial number of  
troops on Mindanao and are striking at  
Davao which is defended by American +  
native troops. Navy admits they are  
having "some success".

1:00 Japs have landed on Hong Kong Island itself  
and have forced its defenders into the high buildings.

above the city. At last report, this small group was still holding out.

The International Squadron made up of American Army flyers who resigned from Air Corps had its first engagement today over Burma Road. Out of a group of 10 Japanese, these flyers shot down 4 with no losses to themselves.

4:00 Navy announced that enemy (probably German) subs are operating off of Atlantic Coast and Jap V Boats are also off of California. Knox says Navy is attempting to "eliminate" them.

11:00 Hong Kong still being defended.

Sun. Dec 31

3:15 Joseph Goebbels has officially taken over complete command of Nazi military machine replacing former leader Gen. Braunschweig. This may indicate first dissonance among Nazi leaders.

8:31 Special Knox just announced that the U.S. Navy has "dealt with" at least 14 German Subs. in the Atlantic. He also said at least 2 Jap V Boats were sunk off of our Pacific coast. He would not disclose where these actions occurred or the extent of time required for the accomplishment.

9:00 Reds are still moving West of Moscow area. They are still attacking Sevastopol in South and still have control of Crimea. Gen Rommel's army is still running well north for Benghazi with British in hot pursuit. Altho they are being hampered by sand storm, the R.A.F. is raising havoc with enemy supply lines.

11:00 Observers in California have reported that they can hear gunfire somewhere at sea and that a group of planes have been sighted. The Moros and Mindanao have pledged 100% support of U.S.

Mon. Dec 22

Inds + British still in control of lines on  
both fronts. Hongkong, Waki + Shikwan still  
holding out. American forces in Luzon still trying to  
push in.

730 McArthur's troops still being met  
by 2 Jap attempts to send home  
back although they were held in land and  
at one point. The Japs have  
3 troops and one platoon was found  
Hong Kong still holding out and has  
been since then since the Hong Kong

more boats sunk & Jap ships in the harbor.

The Jap boats may have been sunk off of California by American Army & Navy bombers, they missed out & dropped in the Pacific.

10:00 DR. Churchill have established a unified allied command representing all nations fighting axis. They have decided war with 4 theaters - N. Atlantic, Pacific, Europe, & Russia. Churchill was in on Press conference today & did most of talking.

1:00 Japs have attacked Wake Island. They sunk 2 and completely missed the other. Japs have landed a small force on Wake Island. Marines are probably still fighting on part of island. Japs shot down several planes in last few days.

Nazis are fiercely attacking Moscow. They are having a tough time of it. Otherwise Nazis are on the move.

Unconfirmed reports say that Nazi soldiers are fighting into Spain. Rumors have it that Goebbels has resigned his high position and will be succeeded by Hitler.

6:00 Japs have now landed a large number of troops at a point 100 miles south of Manila.

8:00 Jap V-Boat sunk a V.5 oil tanker off of Corio. Japs are now reported to be taking heavy losses. They have lost many ships in the Pacific.

7:30 Japs have made some landings on the island of Luzon. Army is attacking with heavy tanks & artillery. They are now declaring Manila an open city so as to save it from further fighting. Peace negotiations are being held with the Japs. They are standing up well.

12:00 Heaviest Jap troop concentrations are at Manila & Iloilo. They landed 40,000 troops at a point somewhere south of Iloilo. Dutch V-Boat sunk another Jap transport, to keep their average at 1 a day since start of war. Large numbers of heavy bombers and fighters have arrived at Hawaii to make up for losses at Midway. Exact number of reinforcements not known.



Wake.

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Wed, Dec, 24 cont

- 1:00 Reports persist that German troops are passing into France & Germany. Confirmation. Army has been engaged in communication with Wake Island for over 24 hrs and says it is "certain" that Churchill + F.D.R. still continuing war map in the Pacific. They also say that the Japanese are not yet in the Pacific. The Marines, however, report on the 17th. There were only 57 men on the island. They had 12 fighter planes, 6 machine guns, 12 small field guns, 18 machine guns, 30.30 machine guns, 18 machine guns. With this equipment they shot down many Japanese planes and shot down a cruiser. They also said the Japanese were 3000 men!
- 1:30 The Japanese are still in the Pacific. Many have been shot down.

Thurs. Dec 25

- 7:30 Nazis say army of America is closing in upon the Pacific. They are having excellent success in the Pacific. American forces are battling hard at the Pacific. They are also saying that the Japanese are losing many of their troops. They are also saying that the Japanese are losing many of their ships. They are also saying that the Japanese are losing many of their tanks. They are also saying that the Japanese are losing many of their planes. They are also saying that the Japanese are losing many of their submarines. They are also saying that the Japanese are losing many of their ships. They are also saying that the Japanese are losing many of their tanks. They are also saying that the Japanese are losing many of their planes. They are also saying that the Japanese are losing many of their submarines.
- 2:00 Hundreds of people at California witnessed a gas attack and sink an American submarine within easy reach of the coast. This makes 5 attacks, 5 of which were successful.
- 3:00 Hony Kong has fallen. British periscope.

5:00 Churchill + F.D.R. each addressed the nation with X-mas messages.  
5:30 British have captured Bengali and annihilated the Italian force there. They are now moving toward Tripoli the last Axis stronghold.  
11:00 reports say that many of the Jap troops in Luzon are boys between 15 + 18 and that they are armed with 25 caliber rifles and machine guns. Our troops are reported inflicting them down by the hundreds and are still having success on all fronts. Japs have landed at 8 points but made few footholds. Fighting today but was vicious and hard fought.

Fri. Dec. 26

11:30 Army reports that many of the Jap boys who landed on Luzon were scared off by our soldiers. They are now moving their tanks, heavy trucks, battle and artillery. They are going on with heavy resistance on both sides. Reds + British still fighting on Moscow front + in China.

12:00 British at sea. A raid on the coast of Japan. The situation in the Pacific is very tense. Japs have made gains. Our troops have pushed up. Japs may have to be pushed back. Dutch sunk some Jap warships today. Midway is still holding out. British in the Indian Ocean beat Japs. Japs may be pushed back. Japs may look Japanese at 4-1.

12:30 Churchill spoke to the nation. He said that the British had been victorious at sea and another victory had been won. Recent setbacks may be caused by the smashing of the German line and resistance along the front is increasing however. Our troops have been in the 30 mile wide area in the Indian Ocean.



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- 11:00 Chung King announces that recent Allied conferences in that city have been concluded. Gen. Wavell, Chiang Kai Chee and an American air chief were there.  
Fri. Dec. 26
- 7:30 Last nite at about noon Manila time squadrons of Jap planes bombed the capitol for over 3 hrs. This occurred after the city was officially declared an open city. Tremendous damage was done and casualties very heavy at least 50 dead and many more wounded. Fierce fighting going on both north & south of Manila with our troops withdrawing to strongest positions but still holding well.  
Sat. Dec. 27
- 12:00 Reports are that Axis tank & motorized reinforcements are heading from Tripoli to meet British troops. Other reports say heavy German troops are headed for Spain. Dutch Air Force has sunk 2 more Jap trans. 1 very large one & 1 smaller. Navy has taken over all Finnish ships in our ports. Biddle has ordered all Japs, Ger. & Italian aliens in 7 western states to surrender all cameras & short wave radios.
- 1:00 Navy announces that 2 of our destroyers were damaged by Jap planes somewhere. No casualties. Other unoff. reports say our ships are combing Calif. waters in search of J. Boats. There have been no recent attacks.
- 5:00 Japan says she will recognize Manila an open city if Filipinos stop fighting. Filipinos just laugh at that and beg army to bring army back to capitol.
- 6:00 Jap columns are at one place only 80 miles from capitol. Late reports say reinforcements have arrived at front lines to aid American defenders. Japs are still being strengthened at all points.
- 11:00 Reds still smashing at Nazis all along front & especially at Leningrad. Gen. Rommel may make a desperate last stand somewhere south of Bengasi.  
Sun. Dec. 28.
- 11:00 AM. Last nite at midnight (about noon Manila time) the capitol was again severely bombed by Japs. Another raid occurred sometime in the afternoon. The first raid lasted almost 2 hrs. the last one only 1 hr. Amount of damage & casualties unknown but it is believed the damage was even worse than yesterday's raid. Camp Murphy & boats in harbor also heavily bombed. American forces sunk at least 1 transport and 3 planes in region. Tokyo refuses to recognize Manila an open city but says her planes will confine their operations to military objectives. Wow?!

Reds claim that Nazis have lost 3 entire divisions in last month's operations. British invasion forces have landed at a group of small, Nazi occupied islands on the Norway coast. They destroyed military stores and captured a number of Nazi officers. They also took back a number of young Norwegian boys.

2:00 A report comes out of Ireland that a German plane has landed in that country containing a bunch of deserting Nazi officers.

2:30 The Japs have opened a large scale air offensive against Sumatra. Mostly with Paratroops.

9:05 F.D.R. just sent a short wave message to Manila pledging all possible aid the U.S. can give.

9:15 British deny reports that high Nazi officers landed in Ireland.

11:00 It is announced that extensive meetings have been going on in past weeks between Eden & Stalin in Moscow. Wash + Moscow have been in constant communication.

off Navy says action on Luzon has slackened today. Navy also says that our fleet is not inactive, but that it is carrying out prearranged plans. British troops in Malaya are meeting with some success, although Japs at one point are only 100 miles from Singapore.

Mon. Dec. 29.

unoff Stalin may have been invited to Washington.

unoff Dutch Army bombers may have sunk 12 Jap transports in Mindanao Bay.

off Dutch sunk 1 transport damaged 1 cruiser, 1 transport

off American V-Boats have sunk a Jap transport + a supply vessel. One of our destroyers was

damaged by Jap planes. Light casualties

off British in Norway raid captured over 200 Nazi soldiers many "Quislings" destroyed many planes + huge military supplies. A complete success.

The Rhine Valley was heavily bombed last nite by R.A.F.

off During Saturday's + Sunday's Jap raids our A.A. guns alone destroyed 12 planes in Manila area.

Japs bombed coast defense forts heavily at Manila last nite but not the capitol itself.

off From China - on Dec. 26 American planes on Burma Road downed 26 Jap ships with a loss of only 2.

unoff Japs probably have captured Kuching the capitol of Sarawak.

It is now denied that Jap parachute troops have landed in Sumatra.





Mon. Dec. 29. Cont.

Philippine - Gen. McArthur has shortened his lines and is now stationed 55 miles from capital. Our forces still holding their own although heavy Jap reinforcements have landed. Our artillery beat off a Jap landing force at Lingayen. Reports are that Jap tanks are so thin and poorly made that our artillery is easily cutting them down. Jap losses in men are reported to be 10 times as heavy as ours. Churchill is now in Canada. Will speak to Parliament and return to U.S.

- German bombers were over Britain last night for first time in many months. Not over London. Little damage done.

Russia - Many of Nazis soldiers are boys of 17 + 18. Reds say they are poorly clothed + equipped. Reds also say half starved + frozen Italian soldiers clothed in their women's garments are surrendering by hundreds. Japs are still pushing ahead in Malaya. British have lost a couple more cities.

Tues. Dec. 30

12:00 Unofficial reports from V.P. at Manila say that, Far East plane reinforcements from the U.S. have arrived in the Philippines. The type was not stated. Presumably they were bombers. Off. English claim they are launching powerful attacks against Japs. They say Japs are losing 40 men to each Englishman. But still Japs keep coming on. Fierce battles are going on south of Manila but in north our forces have forced Japs to stand still. It is feared that the huge Jap reinforcements in north are preparing for an all out offensive. Japs still have air control. Japs again bombed coast defenses of Manila. Many casualties. Unoff reports say Jap warships participated in attack but were beaten off by coast guns.

Libya British have forced Axis troops into another trap. They claim they destroyed or damaged 42 Axis tanks. Mahatma Gandhi has resigned his political leadership in India. Charles Lindbergh has asked for active service in Air Corps. Midway is still holding out. No further Jap attacks.

Tues. Cont.

Late official Navy report says that Jap warships are opening off of Kodiak Island near Alaska. These ships are probably V Boats.  
Japs have opened a powerful drive on Manila from North + South. Our lines are being pushed back. Jap dive bombers control highways.

Wed. Dec. 31

7:30 The Capitol of Manila is doomed. Its fall is imminent. [Far East] authorities say. Japs are converging on city from 2 directions north + south. Our troops are vastly outnumbered + outgunned + are being constantly pushed back under heavy pressure. They are still fiercely resisting on all fronts. Southern front is only 12 hrs. drive from capital probably 20 mi. Japs claim they are only 4 mi. out.  
McArthur has put over 350 severely injured Americans + Filipinos aboard a hospital ship that is sailing for Australia.

Jap dive-bombers practically control all roads. British are having excellent results in counter attacks in Malaya where they are on offensive.

Russia - Reds have smashed to within 60 mi. of besieged Sevastopol where they may surround Nazis. They have recaptured Kirch.

12:00 The District of Columbia was blacked out for a short time last night.

The Attorney General has ordered all aliens in U.S. to surrender all cameras + short wave equipment. British claim to have sunk 5 enemy schooners in the Mediterranean.

2:00 - Hitler gave his annual New Year's speech to German People at 1:00. He said Nazis would smash Russian Armies in 1942 and would gain complete victory in this New Year. Those words sound familiar.

6:00 The Navy has renamed the Normandie the U.S.S. Lafayette. It will be made into a "navy auxiliary." What kind was not stated.

F.D.R. says that by 1943 the U.S. will be spending 50% of its national income (or about 50 billion dollars) for War purposes.

Thurs. January 1.

7:45 Singapore suffered 2 powerful Jap air attacks last night. No more news from Manila. Communication cut off. It is supposed that our soldiers will retreat to hills to carry on war if Manila falls. The fall of the capital is considered inevitable.

In Sicily a final huge battle may be going on south of Bengasi. Reports say that Nazis are massing troops + planes in Greece near Turkish border. ???